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Central Branch Committees

Membership/Nominations/Elections

T. Herron, C. Gorski, J. Biggar, A. Koudys,
M. Johnston.

Lighthouse

T. Herron, C. Gorski, P. Travaglini, M. Johnston,
J. Weller.

Social Events

H₂O: J. Miles, B. Power, P. Travaglini.
BBQ: J. Miles, J. Biggar, C. Gorski, P. Travaglini,
A. Koudys.
AGM: T. Herron, J. Miles, P. Travaglini,
A. Leyzack, J. Biggar, A. Koudys.

International Members

T. Herron, J. Weller, L. Robbins.

NewsLetter/Web site

J. Weller, M. Johnston, C. Gorski, L. Robbins,
K. Weaver.

Seminar

C. Gorski.

Wade Essay Award

P. Travaglini, A. Leyzack.

Heritage Launch

A. Leyzack, W. Warrender, J. Dixon, B. Power,
H. Duller.

Notes from the Branch Vice-President

The Central Branch AGM held on December 11th at the Mimico Cruising Club was a great success once again. I do hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

After serving as your Branch V-P for the past four years and writing approximately 28 columns, it is time for me to put my pen down. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has helped over the length of my term. All help received has been very much appreciated. I've had a busy schedule, with 3 1/2 of those years also as Editor of *Lighthouse*. In spite of my busy schedule and my absences in the field or to the east coast, this Branch has continued to grow and be extremely active. This is due to a strong Branch Executive and interested membership. I am sure this will continue, and I wish Fred and the 1998 Executive continued success.

I hope to be able to concentrate more effort on our journal *Lighthouse* as my Branch duties will be reduced. If you would like to participate in the production of *Lighthouse*, please let me know.

You will find your 1998 dues letter included with this newsletter. It makes the membership committee's job much easier if dues are paid promptly.

A Christmas card and letter from Larry & Jane Robbins are on the CHA notice board (outside Keith's office).

May everyone have a safe and happy holiday, and I hope Santa is good to you.

- Terese

Next Meeting

The 1998 Central Branch Executive will meet on Wed. 7 January to discuss the budget and program for the coming year. Please share your ideas with any Branch Executive member before then so they can be included.

Our next Branch meeting is on Wed. 28 January at Terese Herron's home: 5 Wakefield Lane, Waterdown. After the business meeting, guest speaker is Bob Henderson, professor at McMaster University and an avid canoeist and outdoors person. Bob will give an illustrated talk on *Historical Trails and Historical Travels*, with a focus on old maps and canoe expeditions. This will be followed by our traditional beer and pizza.

The Members of the
Central Branch Executive
wish all our
Members and Friends
a Happy and Prosperous 1998

Central Branch Treasurer's Report
31 December 1996 to 30 September 1997

Balance forward 31 December 1996: \$ 2,741.59

Receipts

Membership Dues (1996)	\$ 60.00	
Membership Dues (1997)	2,976.91	
Seminars (cost recovery)	37.80	
H2O Bonspiel	1,488.02	
Launch Print Draw	347.00	
Postage refund	22.50	
Heritage Launch	2,473.83	
		\$ 7,406.06
		\$ 10,147.65

Expenditures

National Dues (1997)	\$ 1,340.00	
National Student Award	332.35	
Postage	541.41	
Seminars	172.14	
BBQ	63.07	
H2O Bonspiel	1,704.59	
Model for Earl Brown	100.00	
Professional Development	250.00	
Heritage Launch	1,500.03	
		\$ 6,003.59
Balance 30 September 1997:		\$ 4,144.06

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Lighthouse "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 31 December 1996: \$ 1,655.38

Receipts

Subscriptions (1996)	\$ 97.93	
Subscriptions (1997)	1,125.41	
Subscriptions (1998)	25.00	
		\$ 1,248.34
		\$ 2,903.72

Expenditures

Transfer to Lighthouse	\$ 1,800.00	
Postage	891.90	
		\$ 2,691.90
Balance 30 September 1997:		\$ 211.82

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Heritage Launch "Convenience" Account

Balance forward 31 December 1996: (\$ 909.35)

Receipts

Museum of Civilization	\$ 1,000.00	
Re-enactments	500.00	
Charitable account	341.26	
Rindlisbacher Print Draw	347.00	
BBQ Fund Raiser	632.57	
		\$ 2,820.83
		\$ 1,911.48

Expenditures

Maintenance	\$ 493.80	
Rindlisbacher Print Draw	75.00	
Tarpaulin	525.00	
BBQ Fund Raiser	406.23	
		\$ 1,500.03
Balance 30 September 1997:		\$ 411.45

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of CENTRAL BRANCH, held on 11 December 1997

1) Terese welcomed everyone to the 8th AGM and Dinner. The meeting came to order at 6:20 pm and Terese thanked the executive for their work in 1997.

Attendees:

Ken McMillan	- National President	
Terese Herron	- V.P.- Chair	
Andrew Leyzack	- Secretary-Treasurer	
Leslie Sike	- Guest Speaker	
Mike Bennett	Jim Berry	Jon Biggar
Cathy Burbage	Earl Brown	Jennifer Campbell
Kent Campbell	Shawn Cook	Louise Durham
Joe Delle Fave	Ken Dixel	Julian Goodyear
Sean Hinds	Tim Janzen	Al Koudys
Jackie Miles	Fred Oliff	Brian Power
Rick Sandilands	Jane Sinclair	Laura Sandilands
Bill Warrender	Jim Weedon	Helen Warrender
Sam Weller	Dave Willis	

2) Minutes of 6 November Meeting were circulated in the newsletter and were printed in the AGM program.

- Moved T. Janzen/B. Power CARRIED

3) Treasurer's Report: (A. Leyzack) The Branch's money wire account will be open until Dec. 31, 1997. The 3rd quarter treasurer's report was presented. Fred Oliff noted a \$40 error. This was a typo.

- Moved F. Oliff/Sam Weller CARRIED

4) Election of 1998 Central Branch Executive: Terese announced the results of the election and introduced

Vice-President, Fred Oliff; Secretary, Tim Janzen; Treasurer, Andrew Leyzack; Past V-P, Terese Herron
Jim Berry Al Koudys Ed Lewis
Brian Power Jackie Miles Sam Weller.

Terese thanked those who participated in this year's elections and welcomed the new faces, wishing them the best for 1998. Past V-P Sean Hinds offered his approval to a vibrant committee. Sam Weller spoke on Terese's accomplishments during her four consecutive terms as V-P and led a round of applause for Terese's good work both as V-P and Editor of Lighthouse.

5) Committee Reports (printed in the AGM Program):
SOCIAL EVENTS:

• **AGM:** Tonight marks the 8th Annual General Meeting & Dinner of the CHA, Central Branch. The committee hopes this will be an enjoyable evening for our members and guests. Members are encouraged to offer new ideas or suggestions for future meetings. Special thanks to Mimico Cruising Club for opening their facility to us.

• **BBQ:** Many thanks to Sean and Lynn Hinds for hosting Central Branch's 11th Annual CHA BBQ. Despite the cool weather, their warm hospitality helped everyone enjoy the many events going on. The kids managed to stay a little dry while they bobbed for apples. The rest of us kept busy dodging lawn darts!

Thanks also go out to Andrew Leyzack and Bill Warrender for grilling up the burgers and dogs. There

was quite a variety of salads, appetizers, snacks, desserts and tasty beverages.

It was worth the drive to Georgetown!

• **H2O Bonspiel:** The 26th Annual H2O Bonspiel was hosted by the Dundas Granite Curling Club on Sunday, 16th of February, 1997. The ice conditions at the club were excellent and the meal provided was delicious.

Forty-eight curlers participated. The winning rink was skipped by Rick Sandilands, viced by Andrew Leyzack, Jeff Lesic - second and Chris Johnston - lead. Congratulations also go out to the second place team which was skipped by Brad Tinney, Chris Vogel viced, Tim Pascoe was second, and Greg Thiel was lead.

Bonspiel co-ordinators Jacqueline Miles and Brian Power would like to thank the many generous contributors for the over-flowing prize table and for help making this event a success year after year.

MEMBERSHIP

Central Branch welcomes 14 new members this year: Daniel Brousseau, Mina Foroutan, Julian Goodyear, James Ikkers, Ed Lewis, Mike Marsden, Ken Paul (student), Paul Read, Carol Robinson, Al Shepherd, Laura Sandilands, Glenn Toldi, Jim Weedon and Dave Willis. We also welcome Seatex Inc. as a Sustaining Member. Membership to date stands at 72 Central Branch Members and three Sustaining Members.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Central Branch of CHA administers the International Members on behalf of the National Office. This committee helps to maintain contact with the 26 International members of the CHA and ensures that they have an opportunity to voice opinions and take part in CHA activities. We encourage communication between our far-flung members largely through the efforts of Commander Larry Robbins who is an International Member in New Zealand. All International Members receive the Central Branch Newsletter to keep in touch between issues of Lighthouse. We welcome five International Members: Rhea Metin Alkan, student; Capt. F. Angelini, Italy; Dr. Shiahn-wern Shyue, Taiwan; Reid Stanford III, USA; and Paul Stern, student, UK.

NEWSLETTER

This committee produces the Central Branch Newsletter as required. The newsletter goes out as soon as possible after each business meeting to distribute minutes and news of coming events, with larger more newsy summer & fall editions. Including the coming December issue, we will have had seven issues this year.

Our special thanks go to Commander Larry Robbins, RNZN, who is our regular International Columnist, and to the others who have contributed special articles this past year. The Newsletter offers a forum for the news and views of our members, and Larry's column helps our International Members keep in touch and, incidentally, helps to remind us of the special strengths they bring to the CHA.

Central Branch maintains a web site for distributing NewsLetters, identifying current Executive members, Committee members and the general membership. It also provides links to members who have email addresses, information on Lighthouse abstracts, & awards offered by CHA. All comments, suggestions and submissions are welcome to help build a more exciting site.

LIGHTHOUSE

It has been a busy year for Lighthouse with Edition 56 currently under construction and due to go to press in January. Members are encouraged to contribute items of either a general or technical nature for publication.

HERITAGE LAUNCH

Admiralty Launch *Surveyor*, a 23 foot sprit'sl schooner rigged launch, took part at a number of events this past season. The year began at Toronto International Boat Show in January where the launch helped attract a lot of media attention for *Hamilton Ship's Company of 1812*. In April, a group of dedicated volunteers helped sand, scrape, oil and paint *Surveyor's* hull & spars in preparation for the summer. The first major event was Hamilton's Aquafest in July where *Surveyor* and crew sailed in the company of ships like *HMS Bounty* and brigantine *Saint Lawrence II*. Two fund raisers helped raise money for the launch's maintenance, a draw for a limited edition print and a summer BBQ organized by Jackie Miles at Canada Centre for Inland Waters.

The launch went indoors for the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, where she was part of the Ocean's exhibit. At Chatham, Ont, in October the naval encampment was united under one galley tent. Our chief cook Susan Needham prepared a superb meal with staples provided by our host at Heritage Days. Under oars alone, ship's boats from the Hamilton and Detroit projects, John Dixon's Swampscot Dory and *Surveyor* engaged one another and a fleet of Voyager canoes on River Thames. *Surveyor*, a 1788 reproduction also known as Bounty's launch, is owned by Canadian War Museum and operated by CHA, Central Branch, out of Burlington, Ont. Many thanks to those who volunteered time & efforts to help make 1997 an eventful season.

SEMINARS

Central Branch held five seminar meetings in 1997.

- Mr. Ted Cowan, an Economist with DFO, spoke at the first meeting on Jan 21. He addressed the decline of fish stocks since 1960's, the positive effect of Canada's Exclusive Economic Zone on preserving fish stocks and his involvement with the moratorium on the Cod Fishery.

- On March 12, Mr. Vic Cairns of the Dept of Fisheries and Oceans, Fish Habitat Studies, presented us with an informative slide show outlining the progress and achievements of their involvement in the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan. This program has effectively contributed to the revival of the shoreline and aquatic ecosystems in Cootes Paradise and Hamilton Harbour. Fish stocks, water clarity and quality in these waters have improved considerably.

- At the meeting on April 24, a video of the 1994 film *Icebreaker to the North Pole* was presented. The film is a documentary on the first surface vessel crossing of the North Pole, undertaken by U.S. Coast Guard Icebreaker *Polar Sea* in company with Canadian Coast Guard *Louis St. Laurent*. Scientific teams from Canada and the U.S. took part, and the various disciplines of their work in the Arctic are well covered.

- October 1, Mr. Ken McMillan gave an informal presentation on his involvement with hydrographic training and in business in Malaysia. A video entitled *Alone in the Dark*, a documentary on the lighthouses and lightkeepers of Georgian Bay, was also viewed.

- On November 6, Mr. Leslie Sike, a professional yachtsman who has spent years sailing in Arctic Waters, presented a half hour video showing excerpts from his expedition under sail to Hudson Bay. This was followed by an intriguing discussion.

GERALD E. WADE ESSAY AWARD

The award has expanded to include students enrolled in Survey, Geography & Marine Navigation programs at any Canadian colleges or universities. The program got off to a late start this year and calls are still underway. A total of 25 institutions will be contacted and each will receive an information package containing a follow-up letter and an information sheet to be posted. Submission deadline has been extended to Mar 10, 1998.

6) Correspondence: (T. Herron) Terese gave credit to Larry Robbins & Sam Weller for keeping in touch with international members. Other correspondence included subscriptions & back issues to Lighthouse and requests for technical information. Lately, students refer to the Branch for information for research and innovative technologies such as airborne bathymetry systems.

7) Special Presentation: Terese presented Earl Brown, one of the original founding members of CHA, with a Life Membership certificate. Earl was an early National President of CHA and was Vice-President of this Branch for two terms, and has been a strong supporter of the Branch since its inception over 25 years ago.

8) Other Business:

No other business, motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

- Moved J. Berry/F. Oliff

CARRIED

The evening's speaker was Capt. Leslie Sike, co-winner of the *Cruising World Medal* for outstanding seamanship, earned for their sub-Arctic sailing expedition across Hudson Bay in 1985. In the spring of 1989, with wife Carolann and crew, his yacht *Aqua Star* embarked on a 5,000 mile journey which took them through the icebergs, fog and pack-ice of the North Atlantic to one of Russia's most historic cities, Leningrad. Their timing couldn't have been better for these were the days of *Perestroika*. Their's was the first Canadian sailing vessel to sail into Leningrad and leave St. Petersburg. CHA Central Branch was very pleased to have Leslie present the story to us.